

Testimony of Ken Karls (#268)
Cystic Fibrosis Association of ND

HB 1212

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Chairman Headland and members of the Finance and Tax Committee, my name is Ken Karls and I represent the Cystic Fibrosis Association of ND (CFA). Rather than taking your time in committee, I am writing to urge your support for HB 1212.

CFA is a North Dakota charity that has been assisting North Dakota individuals and families for forty years dealing with cystic fibrosis, a terminal disease. CFA assists families with the cost of medications and nutritional support, with the extraordinary costs associated with medical appointments, with college scholarships, lung transplants and other hardship costs caused by fighting this relentless disease.

The money used for this assistance comes from traditional fundraising (Giving Hearts Day, the Turkey Trot, golf tournaments, etc.) and from charitable gaming. HB 1212 would significantly increase the amount of money available to help us with our charitable mission, money that is presently paid to the State of North Dakota through taxes.

In addition to lowering the tax on charities, CFA also believes HB 1212 lays out a more organized plan for dealing with the costs associated with regulating charitable gaming in North Dakota.

CFA strongly supports and asks you to vote "yes" on HB 1212.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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